Baitadila Mines

6658. SHRI GHUFRAN AZAM: Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

fa) the present status of the Baila-dila Mines (11-B) of the National Mineral Development Corporation Limited;

(b) the present term of the lease for the said mines by the State Government concerned;

(c) whether the NMDC Limited has expressed its inability to operate .and generate profitable resources from the said mine; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF STEEL (SHRI SANTOSH MOHAN DEV): (a) to (d) The 11-B deposit which is part of Bailadila Deposit No. 11 for which the National Mineral Development Corporation (NMDC) holds mining lease that is presently valid upto September, 1997, reportedly contains iron ore that is best suited for production of sponge iron in gas-based plants. There is a proposal to develop the mine as a joint venture project of! NMDC and one of the private sector companies who are operating or setting up a gas-based sponge iron plant in the country and who already have an assurance from NMDC to meet a substantial part of the plant's requirement of iron ore. However, no final decision has been taken in this regard so far.

fi&penditure incurred on advertisement by NMDC Limited

6659. SHRI GHUFRAN AZAM: Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

(a) the amount and expenditure incurred by the National Mineral Development Corporation Limited on account of advertisement charges given to different parties, organisalioit in the past three years;

(b) the amount of expenditures incurred by the corporation towards the receiving of various awards given from time to time by board level and other officers of the Corporation during the past three years;

(c) whether the finance division *at* the corporation has justified the above expenditure being incurred by the NMDC Limited;

(d) the number of awards received at the corporate level and board level officers of the NMDC Limited in the past three years and the advantages gained by the Corporation in the process; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF STEEL (SHRI SANTOSK MOHAN DEV): (a) As reported by the National Mineral Development Corporation Limited (NMDC), amount of expenditure incurred by NMDC on account of advertisement charges given to different parties/ organisations Tor the past three years, i.e. 1992-93, 1993-94 and 1994-*95,* is Rs. 25,53,073/-, Rs. 906,947/-and Rs. 2,88,873/- (provisional), respectively.

(b) and (c) No expenditure (other than TA/DA for receiving the awards if presented outside Hyderabad) has been incurred by the Corporation towards receiving of any award given from time to time to Board level and other officers of the Corporation during the past three years.

(d) and (e) During the rast three years, 13 awards have been conferred on the company and 10 awards have been conferred on Board hvel and other officers of NMDC These awards, given by Governmental/Non-Govern-mental agencies, represent recognition of the achievements of *the* award* ees *by* ,the said agencies